

COUNTRY. Poland REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC 1. Polish Troops and Military Installations in the Area of Warszawa and former German Headquarters near Rastenburg (Ketrzyn)
2. Polish Induction System and Polish Uniforms

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1. Prior to September 1952, the large barracks installations in Jablonna Legionowo (R 53/K 90) on both sides of the road from the Jablonna railroad station toward Serock (R 53/F 02) were occupied by Polish soldiers, who wore red and yellow service color. The barracks installations were two or three story red structures, which were partitioned from the road by greens. Horse-drawn vehicles as were used by all motorized troops for supply purposes were seen at the installations.¹

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2. On a drive from Jablonna Legionowo to Serock [] a large barracks installation [] was under construction near Zegrze (P 53/X 25) on the north bank of Narew River and next to the old fortified defense system east of the road and which included not yet stuccoed buildings. In the vicinity of the billets [] Polish soldiers [] wore red service color. Polish soldiers, who wore blue-gray uniforms with black service color, were at the old fortified defense system in Modlin (R 53/K 71), directly northwest of the bridge over the Narew River.²

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3. In the summer of 1952, a large radio installation, which included about 50 masts, about 20 meters high, and two two-story brick buildings, and was enclosed by barbed wire and was guarded by soldiers wearing red service color, was on the south side of the Warszawa - Siedlce (R 53/L 88) road between the towns of Debe Wielkie (R 53/L 38) and Minsk/Mazowiecki (R 53/L 38).³

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4. [] large barracks installation of brick buildings on both sides of the road to Lublin (S 52/R 18) at the southeastern exit of Garwolin (R 53/L 45). [] Polish soldiers [] wore yellow and red service color. Horse-drawn vehicles with tarpaulins were near the barracks installation.⁴

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5. In the summer of 1953, [] in the streets of Radom (R 52/Q 19), [] numerous soldiers [] wore blue gray uniforms with black service color. On a drive between Zamosc (S 51/R 52) and Krasnystaw (S 51/R 55), [] a military installation in a woods of young firs, east of the road [] The installation was guarded by military sentries and along the edge of the woods, it was equipped with a wire entanglement, about 200 meters long.

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6. The former Fuehrer-Hauptquartier east of Rastenburg (R 55/A 29) was released to the public for inspection in the summer of 1951. The buildings were cannibalized and the bunkers were blown up. [] the installation was again off limits in the summer of 1952. [] a former headquarters of the German Air Force, whose location was unspecified, housed an industrial installation.

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- 25X1 7. [] at the Ciechanow (R 53/K 76) railroad station []
 25X1 [] 12 to 15 Polish soldiers, who wore yellow
 25X1 cap bands and loitered about. []
 25X1 [] the unit of these soldiers was stationed at Ciechanow and that their
 25X1 barracks installation was occupied to capacity. He added that they were
 25X1 "Kosciuszko men", who served as railway patrols and were said to be very
 strict.⁴
- 25X1 8. [] even from a great distance, Polish and Soviet uniforms were
 25X1 easy to discern. The Polish uniform, particularly the overcoat, was more
 elegant and appealing than the Soviet uniform. Polish soldiers wore patches
 on the collars of their overcoats and, occasionally, had rank insignia in
 the form of light facing or stripes. The Polish visor-type service cap was
 higher than the Soviet cap and could be discerned by the Polish-eagle emblem
 on its front side. Old-style four-cornered Polish caps were occasionally still
 observed prior to early 1953.
- 25X1 [] 9. A letter from Hindenburg (Q 51/Y 47), dated 9 January 1953, indicated that
 a German of the 1930 class was serving with a regimental NCO candidate school
 in Cieszyn (Q 50/O 88). Another letter from Hindenburg, dated 31 December 1952,
 indicated that a member of the 1933 class was on active duty.
- 25X1 [] Comment. Previous reports stated that the training center of the secu-
 rity service is stationed at Jablonna. Old barracks installations also quarter
 elements of the 1st Div. . It is believed that the
 soldiers wearing yellow service color belong to these units.
- 25X1 [] Comment. Previous reports mentioned that tank troops are stationed at
 25X1 Modlin.
- 25X1 [] Comment. In view of previous reports it is believed [] the
 radio central of a military top command agency in Warsaw.
- 25X1 [] Comment. Since previous reports stated that elements of the 1st Div
 Kosciuszko were stationed at Garwolin and Ciechanow, the units mentioned in
 the present report probably belong to this division.

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